



# Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting Taos, NM – September 25, 2024



Present: Liz Hamilton (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Dave Baglee, Bill Curtis, Kitty Larson, JoAnne Lowe, Jennifer O’Neill, Bill Phillips, Sharon Smith

Also attending: Kay Brock, Representative Elect, Eastern Colorado; Julie Clark, NAP/GNT Coordinator; Margot Hennings, ACBL Board President

Attending via video link: Steve Reynolds; Perry Van Hook, Representative-elect, Unit 354

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM MDT

### OPENING REMARKS

Liz Hamilton introduced Margot Hennings, President of the ACBL Board of Directors. Board members introduced themselves to Margot.

### GENERAL

Record Approval of May 23<sup>rd</sup> Minutes Bill Phillips

Minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer’s Report Jennifer O’Neill

Books have been reviewed; no errors were found. Some funds have been temporarily moved from an interest-bearing account to the checking account for cash flow purposes.

National Board Report Cindy Shoemaker

National Board Report was distributed to board members.

### OLD BUSINESS

Record Vote on GNT Conditions of Contest Liz Hamilton

GNT Conditions of Contest were approved via an email vote.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Cindy Shoemaker

Communications report was distributed to board members. Communications mechanisms include the bimonthly Buzz newsletter, D17 website, fast results at tournaments, and Pianola emailings.

**Education**

Sharon Smith

Sharon has contacted club managers to ask them about running GNT qualifiers online.

**Elections**

Kitty Larson

Kay Brock was elected by acclamation to represent Eastern Colorado for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025. Perry Van Hook was elected by acclamation to represent Phoenix for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025. Dave Baglee was elected by acclamation to represent Northern New Mexico for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025. Jennifer O'Neill was elected by acclamation to represent Denver for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025.

**Goodwill**

Steve Reynolds

There was a discussion concerning the timing of events related to Goodwill Ambassador nominations. The matter will be revisited at the next board meeting.

**Grants**

Kitty Larson

No new requests for grants have been received. Kitty has had additional communication with a grant requester from Colorado Springs whose proposal was not approved.

**NAP**

Julie Clark

NAP finals are being held at the Taos Regional in September.

**Regional Tournaments**

Liz Hamilton

None of our tournaments incurred a loss in 2023 or 2024. In 2025 there will be regional tournaments in Albuquerque, Tucson, Denver, and Phoenix. The Phoenix organizers would like to change the upper limit of the middle strat for their tournament to 4,000. The strats would be 0-1500, 1500-4000, 4000+. Motion by JoAnne Lowe to change the middle strat to 1500-4000 for the 2025 Phoenix tournament. Seconded by Jennifer O'Neill. Vote: 2 in favor, 8 opposed. Motion defeated.

It is not yet known whether there will be a regional tournament in Taos in 2025.

**STaC**

Liz Hamilton

Motion by Sharon Smith to adjust the strats for STaC to 0-750, 750-3000, 3000+, effective immediately. Seconded by JoAnne Lowe. Carried unanimously.

**Tournament Coordination**

JoAnne Lowe

JoAnne has received requests for sanctions for 2026. Dave Baglee will be responsible for tournament coordination beginning in 2025.

**Tournament Supplies**

Bill Phillips

Bill is upgrading bidding box contents by selecting the best 400-500 sets of materials from the inventory of about 1,200.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025

Offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Elections Secretary. Liz Hamilton was nominated for President. Elected by acclamation. Sharon Smith was nominated for Vice-President. Elected by acclamation. Jennifer O'Neill was nominated for Treasurer. Elected by acclamation. Bill Phillips was nominated for Secretary. Elected by acclamation. Kitty Larson was nominated for Elections Secretary. Elected by acclamation.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Liz Hamilton. Seconded by Bill Curtis. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

**Next Meeting: Albuquerque Regional; Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 9 AM MST**

Respectfully submitted,  
*William D. Phillips*  
Scribe